

SENATE BILL 403
By Woodson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,
Chapter 8, Part 3, relative to minimum procedural
rights for law enforcement officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-309, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following:

This part shall apply to all agencies which employ police officers, whether or not the agency provides a property interest in employment for its police officers, to the extent that the agencies have no other established procedures for dealing with the dismissal, demotion, suspension or transfer for punitive reasons of police officers. Nothing herein shall be construed to remove any existing property interest or diminish any procedure that provides for greater procedural protection for police officers.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.